

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 6B, 8A, and 8B. In Figure 6B, S111 was amended to insert (T₁₃) after “third time period” and S112 was amended to change “T₁, T₂, T₃” to --T₁₁, T₁₂, T₁₃--. In Figure 8A, “carray” was changed to --carry-- in S203; “accordint” was changed to --according-- in S206, and “muicrowave” was changed to --microwave-- in S224. In Figure 8B, “temerature” was changed to --temperature--.

Attachment: 3 Replacement Sheets (Figures 6B, 8A, and 8B)
3 Annotated Sheets (Figures 6B, 8A, and 8B)

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for reviewing and considering the pending application. Applicants also express their gratitude to the Examiner for an indication of the allowability of claims 4 and 7. Applicants further note that the species election requirement mailed on September 10, 2004, has been withdrawn. The Office Action dated February 21, 2007, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-2, 4-7, and 10 are pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended Figures 6B, 8A, and 8B to correct minor typographical errors. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration thereof. Applicants also request that the Office acknowledge that the drawings are acceptable in the next communication.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 5-6, and 10 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 12, 17, 18 and 22 of divisional Application No. 10/981,574 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,132,633). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Nevertheless, to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the provisional rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting of claims 1-2, 5-6, and 10.

In the Office Action, claims 4 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. As stated above, Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request passage of the present application to issue.

The application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner believes a conversation with the Applicants'

representative would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Attachments



FIG. 6B

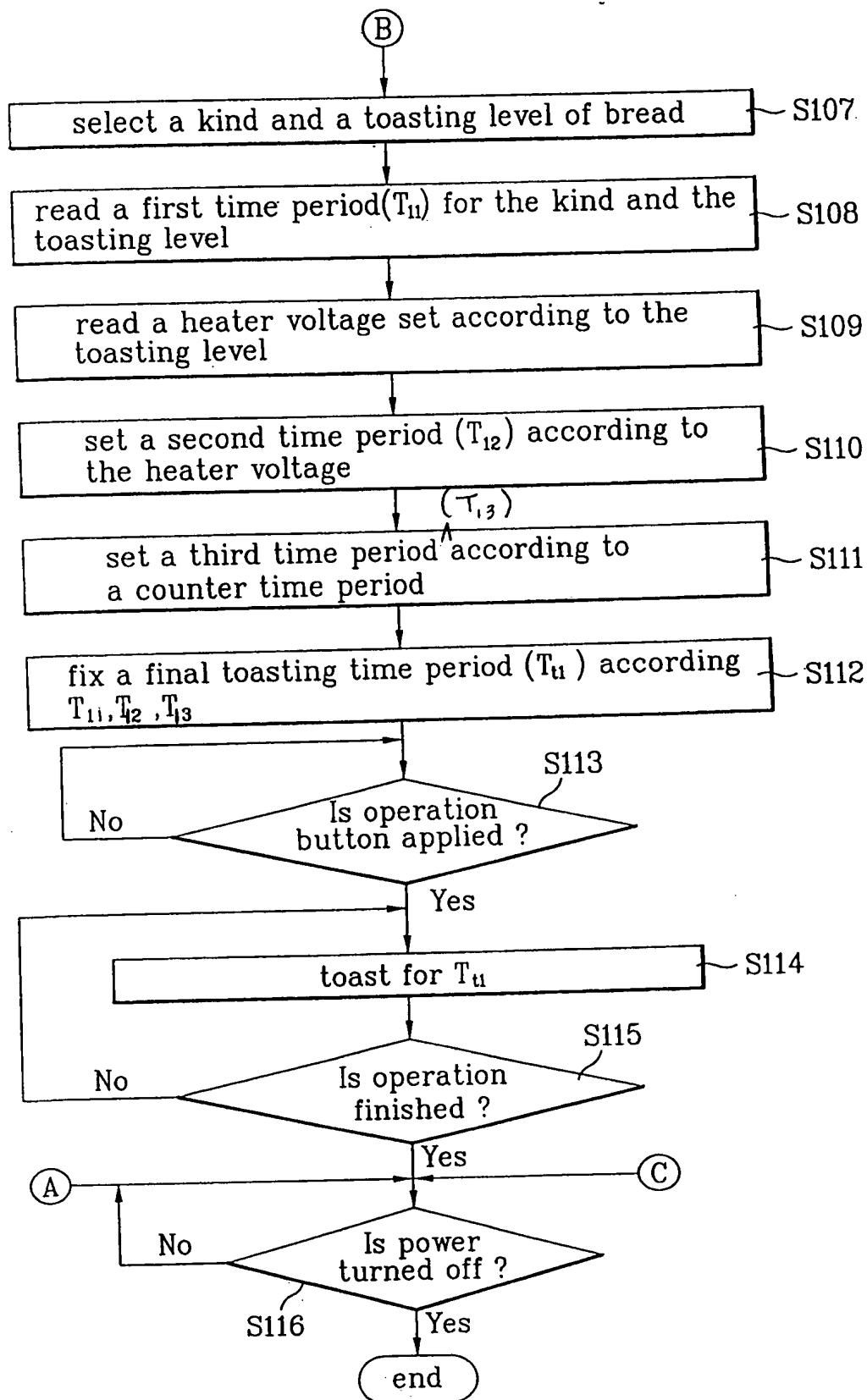




FIG. 8A

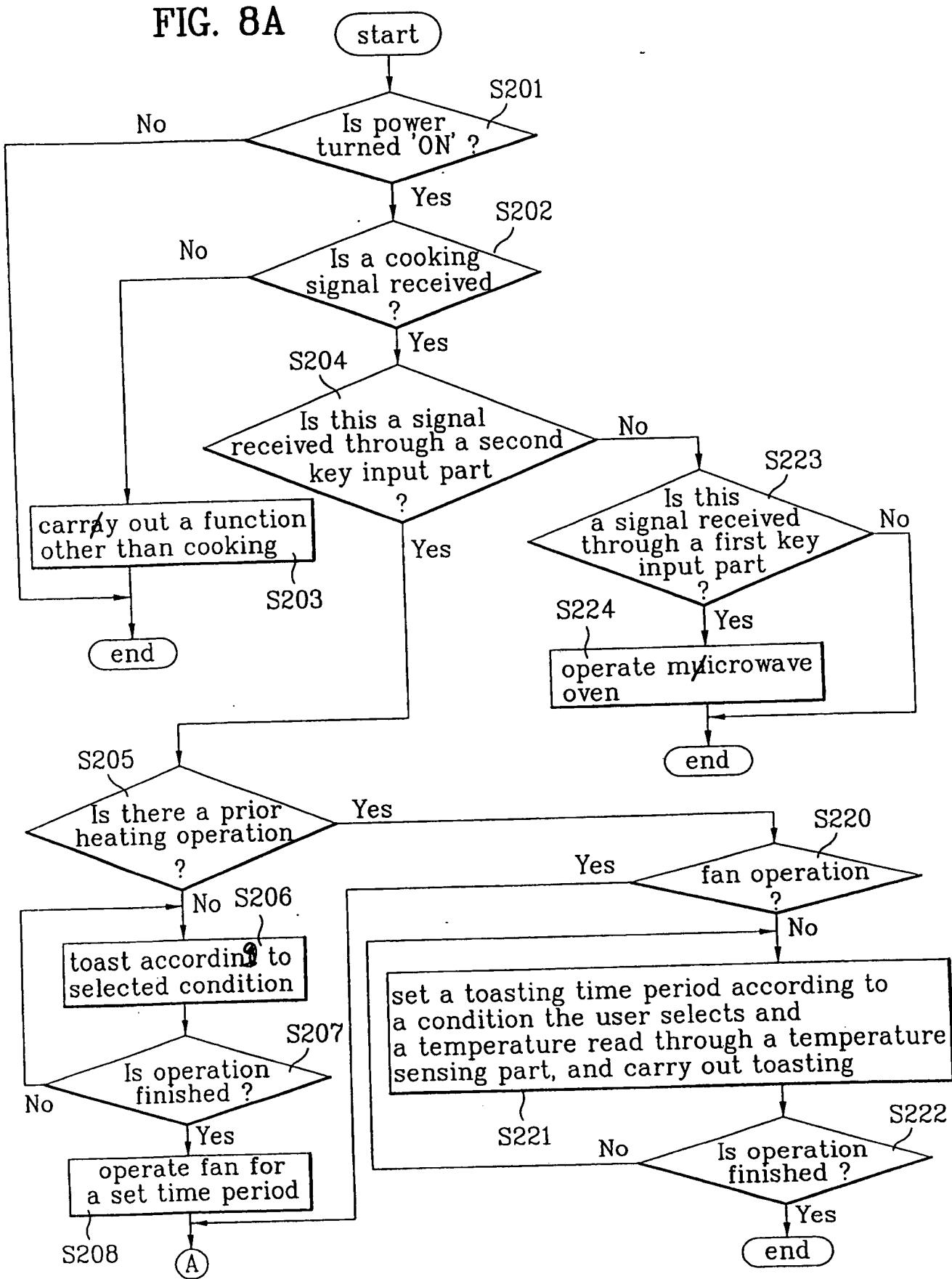




FIG. 8B

